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Motto: "What shall it profit a nation if it gains untold wealth and its people lose their liberty."

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TRAGEDY AT EMMA

Bunk Long Kills His Friend
Then Shoots Himself—
Both Young Men—Liquor
The Alleged Cause.

News of one of the most appalling tragedies that has overshadowed the usual serene and peaceful South Plains, came over the wires from Emma, the county seat of Crosby county, the killing of Mr. Montgomery, a young merchant of that town by "Bunk" Long, cashier of the First National Bank of Emma, who then turned the weapon upon himself and blew his own brains out.

This awful tragedy occurred between the hours of eight and nine o'clock, Sunday night in Montgomery's store. The details of the affair are as nearly as we can obtain:

Long and Montgomery were very intimate friends, both were young men, about 30 years each. And on this fateful day they had spent most of the time together in the same room, and had to some extent been drinking and by this time it is alleged had become considerably under the influence of the intoxicant. The room which was occupied by the men had been locked all day, it being the business house of Montgomery, and it being Sunday too, there had been but few people around them during the day, and they had probably grown weary and it is said Long was heard to remark some time during the day that he was tired of life, that he did not care to live, and asked Montgomery if he too, would like to die, to which he replied that he would go to.

Long was soon afterwards called to the phone, where he spent some few minutes, after which he returned to where Montgomery and another young man were, Montgomery reclining on the counter. The former subject of being tired of life was renewed by Long, and when Montgomery was the second time ask how he felt about it he answered it in the same manner as before. Scarcely had Montgomery ceased speaking when Long drew a revolver and thrashing it near his friend's head, firing the shot that ended the man's life almost instantly. Long then seeing what he had done, immediately placed the muzzle of the yet smoking revolver to his own head and fired again, thus ending the lives of two of Emma's most promising business men.

The only cause for the horrible occurrence, according to reports was the overindulgence in liquor. Both men stood well in society and their finances, upon investigation, was found to be in good condition.

Montgomery's people reside in Emma, and his remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Emma and the body of Long was shipped to Canyon City where it was taken charge of by G. C. Long, father of the dead man, from Cordell, Oklahoma.

The bank at Emma, of which Long was cashier, was a branch of Mr. Lester's large banking interests, and Cashier, Kimbro and J. D. Caldwell, and A. B. McNutt, all of the First National Bank of this place went over to Emma Monday, checked up the business of the bank and left Mr. McNutt in charge of the institution.

Bank Officers Elected.

FIRST NATIONAL

At the annual meeting of the shareholders and officers of the First National Bank on last Saturday the following set of officers were elected for the ensuing term: Dr. M. C. Overton, President, L. T. Lester Vice President, H. T. Kimbro, Cashier, John W. Baker, Asst. Cashier.

This is a splendid set of officers and bespeaks success for the bank in the future.

Dr. Overton, the new president has been a prominent figure in the development of the country and town of Lubbock, always found in the lead for all the enterprises for the good of the town. He for eight years was engaged in the practice of medicine and was one of the most popular and successful physicians this country has ever known, having had a very large practice and made a remarkable record for himself for ability and skill from the standpoint of a physician. He retired from the practice of medicine some months ago and has since been devoting his time and attention to the sale of his property adjoining the old town of Lubbock on the west, known as the Overton addition.

Recently he acquired from Mr. Lester a considerable block of stock in the First National Bank and was elected to the responsible and exalted position of president of the institution as will be noted by their ad in this issue of the Avalanche.

Mr. Lester remains Vice President, as does all the other officers.

The directors being, M. C. Overton, L. T. Lester, J. M. Dupee, H. T. Kimbro and John W. Baker.

CITIZENS NATIONAL

The old set of officers were re-elected and Claud A. Burris was added to the force as Asst. Cashier.

The offices are as follows:

Geo. C. Wolffarth, President; K. Carter, Vice President, A. G. Hunt, Cashier C. A. Burris Asst. Cashier. Directors Geo. C. Wolffarth, F. Y. Lee, K. Carter, W. A. Bacon and W. A. Carlisle.

THE LUBBOCK STATE BANK

No changes, and remain as follows:

O. L. Slaton, President, H. B. Reed & A. Barclay Vice Presidents, W. S. Posy, Cashier, F. W. Boerner and John E. Penney Asst. Cashiers.

Rich and Poor

I do not covet the rich man's hoard,
For the rich man sits at his groaning board.

And fears to eat of the pie and cake,
Lest the blame things give him the stomachache.

While I sit down to a plain repast,
And eat and eat while the vultures last.

I feed my face with a pound of steak,
And a lot of greens and chunk of cake,
And a piece of pie and a wed of cheese,

A cold boiled ham and a can of peas,
And having eaten abundant store,
I shake myself once and eat some more.

The rich man lies on a downy bed,
But sleep won't come to his worried head.

He barks to the slow hours dragging hence—

While I can sleep on a barbed-wire fence.

WALT MASON

Jas M. Ellis, wife and son of Fort Worth, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John F. Robinson.

A. R. & E. P. RAILROAD

Ed Kennedy, Promoter,
States Contracts Is Signed
With St Louis Trust
Co. Representative.

Houston, Tex., Jan. 15.—Positive announcement was made today by Representatives of all interests concerned that the Altus, Roswell & El Paso Railway had been financed and that construction work on the line would be started at several places along the proposed route within fifteen days. A contract was signed in Houston today with a representative of the St Louis Trust Company several prominent men of Altus, Okla., and Ed Kennedy of Houston as signers.

Mr. Kennedy, who promoted the proposition, and members of the party from Oklahoma and the representatives of the Trust Company from St. Louis, are The News correspondent's informants. They stated that that plenty of funds are available with which to push the construction of the railroad, and that voucher may be drawn, as once with which to defray any and all expenses that may be incurred.

The Altus party, composed of Cage Beach, vice president of the company; J. G. Atkins, J. D. Rodgers and J. B. Russell, directors, left tonight for home. Edgar Chapman of Coors, secretary of the company, remains in Houston. Ed Kennedy, president of the company, is a Houston man. J. S. Wood, cashier of the First National Bank of Altus, is a director of the railroad company, and all of the men connected with the proposition are said to be prominent citizens.

GRADING WORK DONE

It is stated that thirty-three miles of the proposed route have been graded in Okla., and twenty-two miles near Lubbock, Texas, between Altus and Roswell twenty teams are at work at Altus now on the grade. It is said, and the company is now in control of 120 teams that will be put to work at once.

Railroad men say that the Altus Roswell & El Paso project is one of the best railroad propositions under consideration today. The distance from Altus, Okla., to Roswell, N. M., as surveyed by the promoters of the railroad, is 286 miles, and every acre of the country traversed is said to be splendid country. Not only is the land arable, but has been found, wherever tried, to be productive of wheat, corn and especially alfalfa.

Altus, a thriving Oklahoma city of 3,000 people is located in Greer county, and is the junction of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway and the Frisco. It is in excellent farming territory, and another railroad is needed. It is in the Red River Valley, where crops are said to never fail.

The proposed railroads is surveyed to cross the Fort Worth and Denver City at or near Childress. The line is surveyed almost straight across the Panhandle and the route is said to be as level as the coast country of Texas, insuring low operating expense once the line is constructed, and the transportation of much

tonnage at comparatively small expences, Lubbock, the "capital city of the plains," will be touched, as will almost every point of importance between Roswell and Altus.

Mr. Kennedy said today that he believed that the line would be in operation the entire distance within two years, as the project presented no engineering obstacles and the money with which to construct the line is available. His view was concurred in by the other interested parties who were present when the information was given to the News.

Plainview Wants "Cut Off."

Plainview, the metropolis of the shallow water belt of the plains, must keep her hand upon the throttle and her eyes upon the Texico (Farwell) cut-off. The Santa Fe people are going to the Gulf, and that in the very near future. This matter must not be considered lightly. Now is the time to get very busy. Plainview can afford to offer material inducement to the Santa Fe people. In fact, she cannot afford not to take some active part in such railroad promotion. Our people could well afford to grade the road from Texico to Plainview and then say to the Santa Fe people put down the stock and operate the road. Get busy! Play ball!" Go! Plainview.

BROWNSWOOD-FARWELL (TEXICO) RAILROAD

J. D. Hamlin returned Saturday afternoon from a business trip to Chicago. He learned while there that the Santa Fe Ry. Co. is shipping ties and steel rails, etc., into Brownwood via Galveston, preparatory to immediately begin the work on the Brownwood Farwell (Texico) railroad. This information is authentic, and it is reported that work will begin in April at Farwell (Texico). Mr. Hamlin was accompanied north by his wife. It will be necessary for him to visit Washington City within the next few days.—Farwell Banner.—Plainview News.

Indeed, tis' true, that Plainview wants the Texico "cut-off" but it is the general opinion that she let the little thing slip right out of her hands (if she ever had it) and Lubbock caught the prize. It is generally reported and it is the almost unanimous belief among that class of people who are unprejudiced and entirely uninterested that the survey from Texico to Coleman which passes through Lubbock on an air line is the real article, that it is the best survey of the Santa Fe system, one they are justly proud of, and the one they will very likely put into use very soon, as will be seen from the information given out by the Farwell Banner above.

The first quarterly conference met in the Methodist church last Saturday evening. Pastor Hardy presiding in the absence of the presiding elder. Good reports of the work were shown, and among the items of business \$1000 was assessed for the preacher's salary, a raise of \$100 from last year. It was the sense of the meeting that the trustees dispose of the old parsonage and five lots, and use the proceeds toward building a new house on the remaining five lots.

LAST—Gold Barret in band hall last Saturday night—Finder return to Mrs. H. V. Edsall.

ODD FELLOWS INSTALLATION

Have Public Installation of
Officers for the ensuing
Term—Banquet at Nicoll
Hotel.

According to announcement as made last week in the Avalanche the local lodge of Odd Fellows installed their officers last Tuesday night in the band hall in the presence of a large crowd of visiting members of the order and the wives of the members of Lubbock Lodge. There was also present A number of "outsiders" and all seemed to enjoy the occasion to the fullest extent.

The following are the officers for the term just beginning: W. M. Ross, N. G.; W. W. Royalty, V. G.; Sam T. Davis, Secretary; Jno. W. Baker, Treasurer; H. B. Earnest, Chaplin; Wiley Pucket, R. S. N. G.; Z. D. Agnew, L. S. N. G.; W. R. Payne, R. S. V. G.; A. M. Rankin, L. S. V. G.; W. C. Price, L. G.; Bert Thorpe, O. G.; J. T. Gates Warren.

After the installation ceremony a number of good tales were made on Odd Fellowship and the question of organizing a lodge of Rebekahs was discussed and the proposition of organizing same was received with general favor.

Promptly at ten o'clock these present repaired to the Nicoll hotel where a magnificent spread had been prepared for the occasion which was indeed a very enjoyable part of the evenings program.

The affair was certainly a success from every point of view and will no doubt make many warm and lasting friends for Odd Fellowship and its noble principles.

Good Recommendation

C. Daughtry, who is agent for Ernest Tonk Pianos receives the following complimentary remarks about his make of instrument:

Plainview, Jan. 15, 1909.

To whom it may concern.—In this day of shams and frauds it gives one real satisfaction to find after test anything genuinely good. I am glad to say that after two years severe test we have found the Ernest Tonk Pianos to be a splendid instrument. We are using several of them in our Conservatory and they have given entire satisfaction to both teachers and pupils. These instruments are well made, beautiful in their varied designs and of unusually sweet, resonant tone. They stand "wear and tear" with our most costly instruments. L. L. Gladney, President, Central Plains College.

JUNIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM

Song.
Topic The Bible a Lamp Ps. CXIX 105.

The lesson, Leader.
Prayer.
Song.
The King and the Shepard boy, Catherine May.
Our Missionary, Florence Sweger.
Song.
Study of Job, Mrs. Hardy.
Song.
Benediction.
Leader, Berrie Kimbro.

Rev. E. Robinson, of Plainview will preach in the Band Hall on the fifth Sunday at 11 o'clock, every body invited.